

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2010.07.19.12**

IN RE: Position Statement of the Board on the Proposed Merger Conditions

WHEREAS, in November, 2008, the Citizens of Sugarcreek Township and the City of Bellbrook cast their ballots in favor of creating a Merger Commission to study and formulate the conditions of merger of their two communities, and;

WHEREAS, the members of the Merger Commission, with the assistance of an outside consultant, staff from the two governments, and legal counsel have completed the study and formulation of the merger conditions in compliance with the process prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code, and;

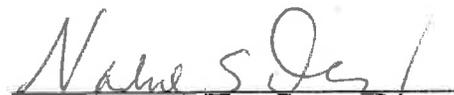
WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees wishes to extend its sincerest appreciation to each of the members of the Merger Commission and to all those who directly supported the Commission for their dedication during this 18-month demanding task, and;

WHEREAS, in view of the information presented by the Merger Commission, this Board of Trustees is in full agreement that it does not support the merger of the two communities at this time due to:

- The increase in taxes necessary at the time of merger and perhaps in the future.
- The potential loss of key personnel who effectively serve and continue to be dedicated to the Citizens of both communities.
- Loss of tax revenue from the annexed portion of the Dille property that may in the future be in excess of one million dollars per year.
- The increase in community size would most likely downgrade the current level of effective services for the communities, and;

WHEREAS, this Board further recognizes the issue was approved for study by the voters and does not object to allowing those citizens the opportunity to cast their ballot again either in-favor or against the final outcome of the Merger Commission.

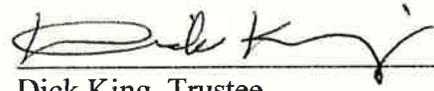
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Trustees does hereby stand united in opposition of the merger as proposed by the Merger Commission's final outcome and does not object to allowing the citizens to cast their own vote in this important decision process.



Nadine S. Daugherty, Chairperson



Michael E. Pittman, Vice Chairperson

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Dick King, Trustee

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Theodore L. Hodson", written over a horizontal line.

Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer